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In re application of

Norio KIMURA et al.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In Response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph.

By preliminarily supplying a pressurized fluid to the above-mentioned cylinder so as to counter the weight of the dresser, the pressure between the dresser tool and the polishing surface of the turntable can be easily minimized to a level less than the weight of the dresser and adjusted to an arbitrary value exceeding that level (for example, a value in a range of 10 N to 300 N).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph.

The air cylinder 9 is a low-friction type and the kinetic frictional resistance generated when a piston in the air cylinder 9 is moved is about 0.44 kg or less. Air is supplied through the controller